



Community Christian Church Lincolnshire, Illinois

August 2010 Newsletter

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CCC LADIES GOLF OUTING SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2010

Vernon Hills Golf Course
Tee Times at 9:30 a.m. and 9:40 a.m.

Green Fees

\$17 for Vernon Hills Residents (with ID)
plus \$8 optional for riding cart
\$19 for non-residents plus \$9 optional for riding cart

This is a 9-hole golf course,
easy for walking, if you prefer not to ride

Following Golf, we will have lunch at the Club House Grill
around noon. If you are not a golfer, please come and join us
for lunch.

Golf Reservations must be made by August 1

There is a sign-up sheet in Friendship Hall.

Any questions, please contact
Kelley or Phyllis



**REVIVE! &
ALIVE!**

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Congregational Meeting August 15 After 10am worship service

Agenda:

- ✓ Approve Minutes
- ✓ Vote for Pastor Search Committee Members

SAVE THESE DATES

September 25
Garage Sale

October 16
Michael's Ordination

CCC MENS GOLF OUTING

Saturday, August 14
Willow Glenn Golf Course
Tee-Times starting at 11:00 AM

There is a sign-up sheet in Friendship Hall.
Golf Reservation deadline is Friday, August 5

Any questions, please contact
Jim or Steve



Nelson's Notes

Why I Love The Church . . .

...Why I love our church in Lincolnshire

Summer's end is a short month away. For me, it always seems to go so quickly. Our church has remained an oasis apart from busy schedules for worship, to give ourselves over to God for "peace that passes all understanding," to replenish our souls with Christ's strength and love, and to enjoy our Christian family. In the absence of a permanent minister, many committed persons have stepped up to challenges and needs, and our church is strong. A newly appointed search committee will soon press forward in search of our new minister. Dedicated folks are working faithfully to grow foundations upon which Christ's love can work miracles- in individuals, our church family, and in the world.

August is probably the most away month for vacation and last hurrahs. Keep church worship a priority! You are missed when absent. Stay current with what's happening...give your input. Be a force for maintaining our faithful, welcoming church family. It is here that I experience persons praying for one another and reaching out to one another in so many helpful ways. It's here that I see God's love and grace at work in the eyes, ears and hands of so many.

Our church opens us to the world of Jesus Christ...a world of healing, health, heaven and happiness. It keeps the cross before us with its victory over death, hate, fear and hopelessness. It lifts us with Christ's resurrection and its gifts of love, trust, meaning, purpose, the infinite possibilities of life and of life without end.

Inspiring change and growth are happening. CCC's future is so promising. But, remember, you are a vital link. *We are the church...together!*

~ Nelson

Please contact the minister
any time you feel it's necessary.

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Prayer Group
Tuesdays, 9am

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, July 3, 8am

Ladies' Golf Outing
Saturday, August 7, 9:30am

General Board Meeting
Sunday, August 8, 11:15am

Soup Kitchen
Wednesday, July 14, 4 - 7:30pm

Men's Golf Outing
Saturday, August 14, 11am

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, August 15, 11:15am

Upcoming Sermons



August 1 "The Foolish Good Life"
Luke 12:13-21 - Andrew Packman

The lectionary offers us two texts dealing with the age old question – How do I live the Good life". The first reading comes from Ecclesiastes, an example of wisdom literature from the Old Testament. Books of this genre suggest that we have two options in life - the path of wisdom or the path of folly. This passage deals with the latter. The reading from Luke offers Jesus' own thoughts on the good life. Here, Jesus preaches a truth almost everyone knows, but each of us struggles to live it out in practice. This Sunday, I am excited to explore with you what's at stake in these Biblical questions about how we are to live the Good Life.

August 8 "The Great Banquet" Luke 14:15-24 - Nelson Irving
We continue study of Jesus' parables. The importance of his parables cannot be overstated. In them he explains what is essential to human life and community. It is profoundly true of this parable, unlike any other, in which Jesus states God's purpose for creating humankind. He explains the framework for the whole drama of creation and history. We'll look carefully at what it means to you and me.

August 15 "The Rich Fool" Luke 12:13-21 - Nelson Irving
Don't be fooled by the title of this parable. Jesus teaches the unexpected, and is often seriously misunderstood. Here, Jesus wisely illustrates pursuit that is the ultimate formula for human disaster. Applicable to you and me...deeply so!

August 22 "Jesus Saves" Luke 19: 1-10 - Nelson Irving

These words are seldom, if ever heard today. In fact, I don't recall hearing them at all for many years. In olden days, these two words were heard often, and were significant for countless persons. What happened? Did Jesus stop "saving"? Did he ever "save"? Do you need saving? This sermon may be disappointing to some of you, and uplifting to others. I'd like for you to tell me.

August 29 "Jesus Heals" Mark 5:22-24, 35-43 - Nelson Irving

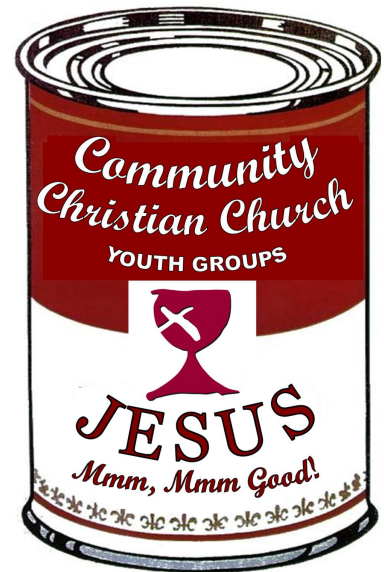
Mark tells a moving story about a man, evidently an important man, going to Jesus, desperate, close to hysteria with fear for the life of his daughter. She is dying, and the father pleads with Jesus to come to his home and heal her. Read the story and learn the ending. The Gospels tell many stories of Jesus healing people. Does Jesus heal? We'll think carefully about this.



The CCC Men's Group will meet on Saturday, August 7, from 8-9am in Thompson Hall. As always, all are welcome. If you would like to join us or desire more information, please contact Charlie.

CCC Youth Page

CCC Youth Mission:
“To gather as friends
in a fun, safe environment
to share stories and learn
how to center our lives on Christ.”



ALIVE!
5th, 6th AND 7th GRADERS

REVIVE!
8th, 9th, 10th AND 12th Graders

Save Your Sundays after Church - Great Things Are Being Planned for You at CCC

Both Youth Groups will be meeting after church each week for fun, fellowship, learning and games. Please make time in your Sunday schedule to be with other CCC youth to gather, share and center your lives on Christ. The Youth Leadership Team (YLT) is planning the next few months and the excitement is contagious! The first event will be a night of pizza around the bonfire...s'mores are sure to follow along with some great times together.

After that, be a part of the group each Sunday - Alive (for 5th, 6th & 7th graders) and Revive (for 8th, 9th 10th & 12th graders) from 11:30 - 1pm. Each month there will be a combination of events planned that will keep you coming back: outings, service projects, meals and faith exploration!

Questions can be answered by anyone in the YLT:

Andy	Ping	Pip	Callum	Gill
Nelson	Erin	Bev	Chris	Susan & Jeff

Save these dates!!
Great events for youth are planned for next month:

9/10	Friday	5-9pm	Alive & Revive	Dinner & Bonfire
9/19 - Garage Sale setup	Sunday	11:30am-1pm	Alive & Revive	Kickoff Meeting & Service
9/26	Sunday	11:30am-1pm	Alive	Meeting
	Sunday	11:30am-1pm	Revive	Meeting

Sunday School Workshop Rotation for 2010-2011

Test of Faith

Throughout the scriptures people faced many challenges to their faith. From Adam and Eve to you and me, there are times when we do well and live in ways that are pleasing to God. At other times we find ourselves in need of God's grace because we have missed the mark. Through the stories of faith we learn that God's grace is always extended to us.



September – The Garden of Eden
October – Ruth
November – Daniel
December – Christmas Dreams
January – Healing Miracles

February – Garden of Gethsemane
March – Doubting Thomas
April – Pentecost
May – Jonah



Cornerstones Curriculum
<http://www.cstones.com/>

Learn More About the

CCC Elders

Here we are in the “dog days” of summer. It should be time off for everyone, whether it be vacation, barbeques, catching up on summer reading or days at the beach or on the links. Your shepherding elder is no exception, although they will be thinking of you during all their summer activities, outings and vacations. Each elder is dedicated to keeping you and your family in prayer wherever they may go. If you haven't heard from your shepherding elder lately, not to worry, they are thinking of you! You don't have to wait to hear from them, you can contact them anytime and they would be happy to hear from you.

Contact the Elders

Andrea
Chris
Kevin
Sharon

Ann
Judy
Lauren

Many Thanks, CCC!

All of the prayers, cards, and calls were true gifts when I couldn't get out of the house. Hearing from the church family raised my spirits and proved, once again, what a family CCC is. To all of you, thank you so much for remembering me while I was in Missouri with a broken leg.

It's good to be back. Ann

Michael's Ordination



On Saturday, October 16th, Michael will be ordained by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Illinois-Wisconsin here at Community Christian Church. The ordination service will commence at 4pm.

Everyone is invited to attend and celebrate this special occasion in the life of our church, denomination and in Michael's ministry. Representatives from the University of Chicago, Disciples Divinity House, Community Christian Church, and the Illinois-Wisconsin Region will participate.

Getting to Know Jayne CCC's New Vice Board Chair

Our recently elected vice chair, Jayne, is a relative newcomer to CCC. Please feel free to contact her regarding CCC business or anything else that you may find in common.

Where she's from: Jayne is a Kentucky native. Jayne and her husband Jeff are both Centre college alumni, in common with Michael and Rebecca Swartzentruber. She completed graduate work in chemistry at IU-Bloomington and UNC-Chapel Hill. Her 19-year career has included positions in Philadelphia (8 years), Ann Arbor, MI (4 years) and the Chicago area (7 years).

What she does: She has a PhD in analytical chemistry, the science of chemical measurements and identification. All of her professional work is in pharmaceutical research and development. She is currently an associate director at Abbott, the position she started in 2007, which brought her to southeast Lake County. In addition to chemistry, she has formal training in project management, process improvement, and change management. Her current job involves projects where Abbott partners with other companies for their proprietary technology, and can involve a lot of travel. In 2009, she made six trips to Europe, covering five different countries.

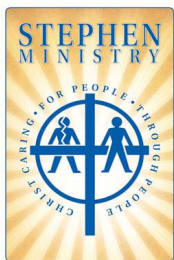
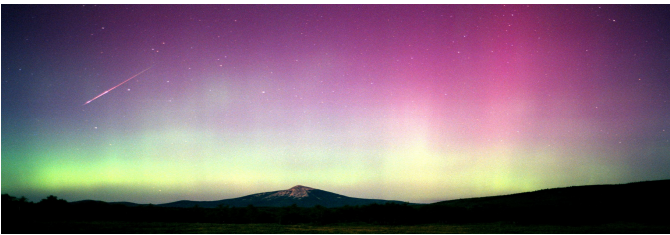
Her family: Jayne and Jeff have been married for 21 years, and are parents to Anna, a sixth-grader at Shepard Middle School, and Ellen, a fifth-grader at Kipling Elementary, both in Deerfield. Jeff is the anchor at home, taking the lead on meals, home improvements, homework supervision, and managing the family schedule. Jayne's parents live in Kentucky. Jeff's parents have relocated to Kenosha from their life-long home in Iowa, to be closer as their granddaughters grow.

Her relationship with church: As she grew up, her family was active in a United Methodist congregation. Since marrying Jeff, who is of Disciples background, she has been part of Disciples congregations in North Carolina (a new church start meeting in a Masonic Lodge), Philadelphia (a suburban church planted in a similar time as CCC), and Michigan (a historic congregation facing transition and decline). While the family lived in Skokie (1999-2003), they were members of Lake Street Church in Evanston, a large, progressive American Baptist congregation, where they still have significant ties. She is drawn by Bible study, and has led groups in three previous congregations. She loves church music from many eras, and relaxes by sitting at the piano and playing through the hymnal.

From Jayne: "I am honored that CCC has selected me for a leadership role during this time of transition. Please be aware that Audrey, the board chair, and I are both parents of school-aged children who have full-time professional jobs. As we are not "legacy" CCC members, we may not be aware of the gifts you have, and the church work you have done in the past, at CCC or elsewhere. As we guide CCC in conducting its business and making decisions according to the constitution and by-laws, there is still much that we depend on others to do. There is work to be done by other capable hands, thinking to be done by focused minds, writing to capture and shape our vision and plans. conversations to draw us all together with common information and intent, reading and research to draw on the experience of other faith groups, and prayers to be offered. Recognize and publicly identify strengths in yourself and others, be prepared when a request comes your way, and take action when you discover a need. I look forward to getting to know many of you better through this role in CCC."

Update From Michael

Michael and Rebecca have officially moved their belongings from the Chicago area as Rebecca begins her next optometry externship in Canton, Ohio. Michael will remain in temporary housing in Chicago as he finishes his Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE; chaplaincy internship) at Montgomery Place, a retirement home. Michael will graduate from the Divinity School at the University of Chicago on Friday, August 27th at 3:00pm with the Master of Divinity degree. Also, Rebecca was recently informed that she passed her Optometry National Board Examination after months of waiting for delayed scores. You can continue to receive updates on Michael and Rebecca by visiting Michael's blog: <http://divinitymusings.wordpress.com>



Hey... Did You See That Woman with Her Heart in a Sling?

Last month Barb preached on the story of the Good Samaritan. She took this parable to the next level, explaining that often times injuries are not always obvious. When we see someone with crutches or a cast, we typically inquire about their well-being. At the same time we clearly by-pass those with a broken spirit.

Our Stephen Ministers have been carefully trained to help with those invisible hurts. If you need "care" in this area please call Andrea or Char to make the arrangements.

CCC Church Office Closed Monday - Friday, August 9-13, 2010



Due to vacation, the church office will be closed the second week in August. During this time, if you have an emergency, please contact Nelson Irving. You may also leave emails to be answered on

August 16 at CCCLincolnshire@comcast.net.

CCC Needs Your Help

We are still in need of someone who has a positive outlook and willing to help our members. The Nominating Committee did an outstanding job securing chairs for the coming year. However, one position is still in need of a volunteer: Membership Development Committee.

The purpose of the committee is to encourage church membership and, in cooperation with the minister, to welcome new members and integrate them into the fellowship of the church.

The only requirement is that you are a member of the congregation. Please pray on this! Contact Audrey if you are interested in filling this position from now through June 2011.

June income	~ actual \$16,248
	~ plan \$12,811
June expenses	~ actual \$13,025
	~ plan \$20,402
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<b>YTD income</b>	~ actual \$134,808
	~ plan \$127,476
<b>YTD expenses</b>	~ actual \$95,240
	~ plan \$132,866

## Too Much Junk in Your Trunk? (or basement, garage or attic?)



## Too Many Treasures in Your Toybox?

**CCC Annual  
Garage Sale  
September 25  
8am - 4pm**

PLEASE...

...Save and donate only your GOOD stuff!!

Donations accepted 9am-7pm  
Sunday - Thursday, September 19-23

### Just Say Yes!!

When Someone Asks You to Help  
at CCC's Garage at CCC's Garage Sale

September 25, 8am - 4pm

Volunteers needed  
September 19-15

*Can we count on your help this year?  
Please contact Joanna*

## In His Service This Month

### Liturgists

8/1/2010	Kerry
8/8/2010	Kim
8/15/2010	Kevin
8/22/2010	Stacey
8/29/2010	Chloe

### Elders

8/1/2010	Ann
8/8/2010	Chris
8/15/2010	Kevin
8/22/2010	Lauren
8/29/2010	Sharon

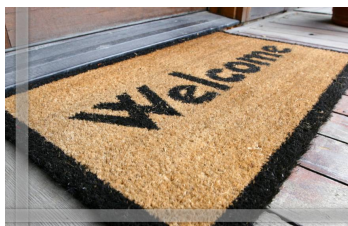
### Deacons

8/1/2010	Sean Kevin Emma Bev
8/8/2010	Sean Kevin Emma Kelley
8/15/2010	Kevin Dannie Kim Callum
8/22/2010	Kim Ruby Chuck Bev
8/29/2010	Audrey Emily Ann Patrick

## Welcome to CCC

Ping joined our church on July 4. Ping has felt like a member of our church for many years now. Please congratulate her the next time you see her on making her commitment of faith.

Please also welcome Julia. She was born on July 7. Congratulations to Fred, Cindy, and sister Madison.



*If you are not able to serve on your date, please find someone to replace you and inform the church secretary. Thank you!*



# AUGUST 2010

■ CCC Events   ■ CCC Youth Groups   ■ Committee Meetings

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:30a Ministries Council		■ 9a Prayer Group				■ 8a Men's Breakfast ■ 9a Ladies Golf
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:15a Board		■ 9a Prayer Group	■ 4p Soup Kitchen			■ 11a Men Golf
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship ■ 11:15a Congregational Meeting	■ 7p Stephen Ministers	■ 9a Prayer Group ■ 6:30p Elders		■ 6p YLT		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship		■ 9a Prayer Group				
29	30	31				
■ 8a Worship ■ 10a Worship		■ 9a Prayer Group				